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### **Dangerous Rip Currents and Small Craft Advisory in Effect for the Marianas**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office has the following advisories in effect:

A **high risk of rip currents** is in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through late Thursday night. Dangerous rip currents are expected along east facing reefs. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from the shore into deeper water. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, face the shore and call or wave for help.

A **small craft advisory** is in effect for the coastal waters of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan until 6 a.m. Friday. East winds of 15 to 25 knots and seas of 6 to 9 feet are expected. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid navigating in hazardous conditions.

An **airport wind advisory** is in effect for the Guam International Airport until 6 p.m. this evening. Winds at 15 to 20 knots with frequent gusts to 30 knots are possible.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) remind the community to avoid hazardous seas, especially east facing reefs and beaches. Heed the advice of lifeguards, beach patrol flags, and signs.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>

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